

B and D are each lower alkyl, and
C is hydrogen or lower alkyl,
[and] or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein A and A^a are each a benzyl group [which has] substituted by cyclic amino, dilower alkylamino or lower alkoxy,

B and D are each isopropyl, and
C is methyl.

3. (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein A and A^a are each a benzyl group [which has] substituted by morpholino, dimethylamino or methoxy.

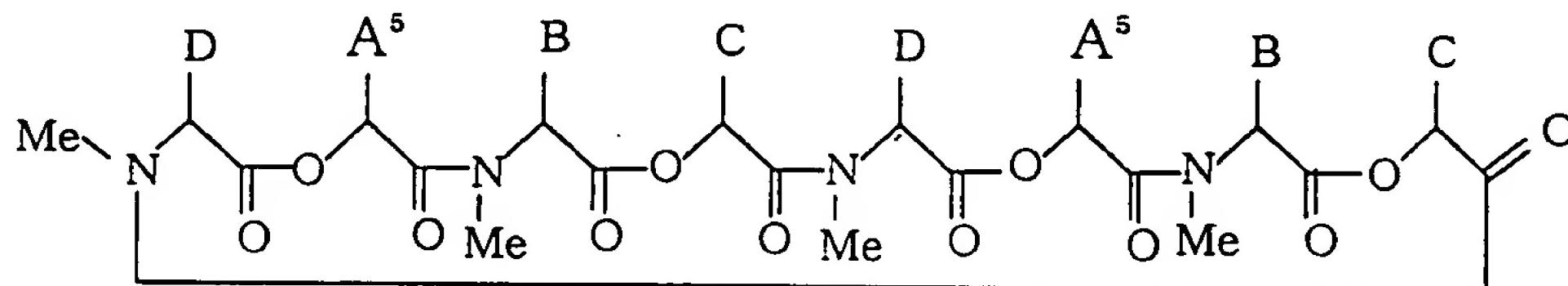
4. (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein A and A^a are each a benzyl group [which has] substituted by amino, nitro or hydroxy,

B and D are each isopropyl, and
C is methyl.

Claim 5, in the formula, change "Meleu" to --MeLeu--, and at end of formula insert ---.

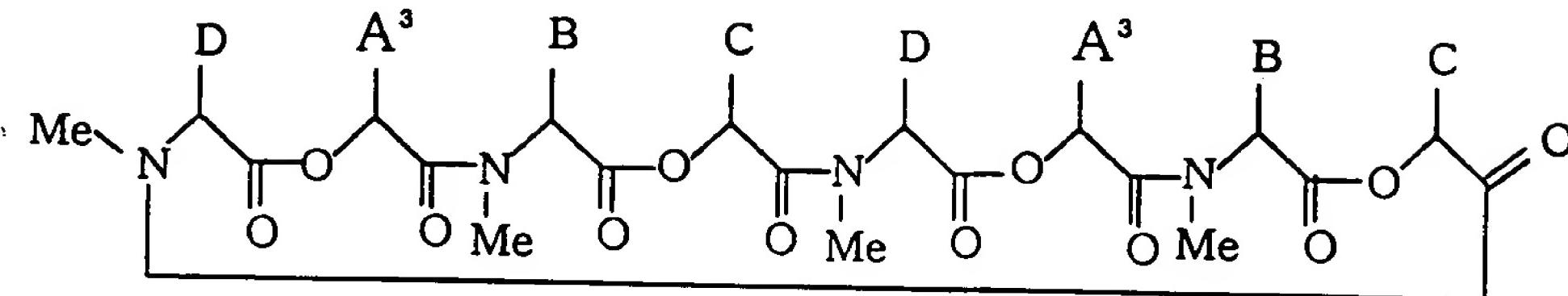
Claim 6, at end of formula, insert ---.

7. (Amended) A process for preparation of a compound of the general formula:



or a salt thereof,
which comprises

subjecting a compound of the general formula:



or a salt thereof, to a monoalkylation reaction followed by an intramolecular reaction,

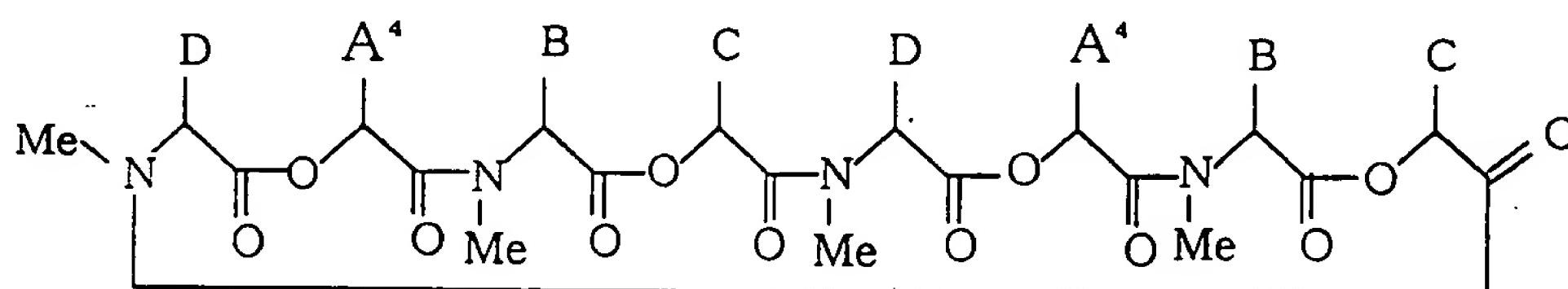
wherein B and D are each lower alkyl,

C is hydrogen or lower alkyl,

A³ is a benzyl group substituted by [which has] amino, or a benzyl group [which has] substituted by amino and lower alkoxy, and

B Acetate
A⁵ is a benzyl group which has cyclic amino, or a benzyl group [which has] substituted by cyclic amino and lower alkoxy[,].

8. (Amended) A process for preparation of a compound of the general formula:



or a salt thereof,

which comprises

subjecting a compound of the general formula:

